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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. The amendment filed on 24 October 2007 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because newly presented claims recite limitations where picture data is controlled in different manners according to a comparison between a set image scaling factor and a predetermined scaling factor. The originally presented and elected claims recite two different control modes, wherein the controller selects a control mode on the basis of a zooming operation of an optical zoom device (i.e. "and when zooming with the optical zoom device, said controller controls it to operate in said first control mode"). Since the imaging devices of the originally presented claims and the new claims contain materially different modes of operation, are mutually exclusive and are not disclosed as being obvious variants, the new claims are patentably distinct.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy J. Henn whose telephone number is (571) 272-7310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 11-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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